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Letter dated 20 January 2005 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, 28 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2003-2004) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Afghanistan	113 386.00
Benin	16 071.00
Cape Verde	13 786.00
Central African Republic	335 186.00[a]
Chad	7 277.20
Comoros	759 686.00[a]
Côte d'Ivoire	56 243.00
Dominica	15 671.00
Dominican Republic	311 844.00
Georgia	6 085 758.00[a]
Guinea-Bissau	474 886.00[a]
Iraq	16 418 925.00[a]
Liberia	1 126 886.00[a]
Malawi	3 071.00
Mauritania	3 486.00

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Nauru	7 771.00
Niger	353 286.00[a]
Palau	6 557.00
Paraguay	109 209.61
Republic of Moldova	1 059 017.00[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	577 886.00[a]
Solomon Islands	13 786.00
Somalia	1 006 186.00[a]
Suriname	34 343.00
Tajikistan	1 062 571.00[a]
Togo	7 886.00
Ukraine	5 185 724.35
Uruguay	398 521.00

[a] In its resolution 59/1 A of 11 October 2004, the General Assembly decided that the Central African Republic, Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, Niger, Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2005.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General